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SUBJ: MOZAMBICAN DELEGATION ARRIVES IN TANZANIA

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1. SUMMARY. MOZAMBICAN EMISSARIES ARRIVE IN TANZANIA FOR ANTI-CIPATED MEETINGS WITH TANGOV AND FRELIMO. EVENT MAY BE ONE OF MOST IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING FUTURE OF MOZAMBIQUE SINCE CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT IN PORTUGAL. WE BELIEVE PRESIDENT NYERERE CONTINUES TO BE AVAILABLE TO PLAY MODERATE AND CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE VIS-A-VIS LIBERATION GROUPS. END SUMMARY.

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2. GOVERNMENT-OWNED DAILY NEWS MAY 17 HEADLINED ARRIVAL PREVIOUS NIGHT OF SIX-MAN MOZAMBICAN DELEGATION LED BY JOSE CRAVEIRINHA. GROUP INCLUDES MALANGATANA VALENTE, RUI NOGAR, ROGERIO DIAS, MATIAS MBOA, AND JOSAFATE MACHEL, BROTHER OF FRELIMO PRESIDENT SAMORA MACHEL. FONMIN OFFICIAL CONFIRMED

EVENING MAY 16 ARRIVAL OF DELEGATION. ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNT, GROUP DEPARTED MOZAMBIQUE WITH BLESSING OF GENERAL COSTA GOMES. PURPOSE OF VISIT IS REPORTEDLY TO TRANSMIT PROPOSALS TO FRELIMO, ALTHOUGH ENVOYS DECLINED TO SAY IF THEY HAD ANY SPECIFIC MESSAGE FROM PORTUGUESE JUNTA. VALENTE TOLD PRESS THAT GROUP EXPECTS TO BE AWAY FROM MOZAMBIQUE FOR ABOUT SIX DAYS, ADDING IT WOULD BE UP TO FRELIMO TO SUGGEST WAYS TO ACHIEVE PEACE. VALENTE COMMENTED THAT FRELIMO HAS BEEN "FIGHTING FOR YEARS, SO THEY WILL KNOW WHAT TO DO, NOT US."

3. WHEN ASKED IF TANGOV WOULD MEET WITH MOZAMBICAN DELEGATION, FONMIN OFFICIAL REPLIED "IF WE CAN RECEIVE GATSHA BUTHELEZI OF KWAZULU WE CAN TALK WITH MOZAMBICAN DELEGATION." HE THEN QUOTED SWAHILI PROVERB TO EFFECT THAT WE DON'T REFUSE TO TALK WITH PEOPLE JUST BECAUSE WE DISAGREE WITH THEM. OFFICIAL ALSO REITERATED THAT NYERERE CONTINUES TO PREFER NEGOTIATION ROUTE FOR SETTLEMENT OF PORTUGUESE AFRICAN TERRITORY QUESTION. ONLY CONDITION IS THAT PORTUGAL MUST AGREE IN PRINCIPLE TO ULTIMATE INDEPENDENCE.

4. WE BELIEVE FRELIMO PRESIDENT MACHEL IS CURRENTLY IN DAR ES SALAAM ALTHOUGH WE ARE NOT CERTAIN WHICH OTHER LEADERS ARE HERE. HEAD OF FRELIMO'S DAR ES SALAAM OFFICE, JOAQUIN CHISSANO, HAS BEEN OUT OF CITY FOR PAST SEVERAL WEEKS. PRESIDENT NYERERE, WHO HAS BEEN RESTING AT HOME IN BUTIAMA, IS EXPECTED BACK TO DAR NO LATER THAN MAY 20. WE ARE RELIABLY INFORMED THAT MPLA PRESIDENT NETO IS STILL IN TOWN (DAR 1470).

5. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE TANGOV DELIBERATELY DECIDED TO ACCEPT VISIT OF MOZAMBICAN DELEGATION AND, THEREFORE, WE EXPECT DELEGATION WILL MEET WITH TANGOV OFFICIALS AND PROBABLY FRELIMO LEADERSHIP TOO. IN TERMS FUTURE OF MOZAMBIQUE, THESE ANTICIPATED MEETINGS MAY WELL BE ONE OF MOST IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS SINCE CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT IN PORTUGAL. WHETHER DELEGATION WILL

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MEET WITH MPLA PRESIDENT NETO OR CONVEY ANY MESSAGES CONCERNING ANGOLA IS UNKNOWN. IN SPITE OF CROSS CURRENTS IN TANGOV, WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE PRESIDENT NYERERE IS WILLING AND ANXIOUS TO PLAY MODERATING AND CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE VIS-VIS LIBERATION GROUPS. ONE POINT HE AND TANGOV WILL INSIST ON, HOWEVER, IS ULTIMATE INDEPENDENCE FOR ALL PORTUGUESE AFRICAN TERRITORIES. BEYER

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